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SUBJECT: SOVIET CRITICISM OF FOREIGN RADIO BROADCASTS

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1. SOVIET MEDIA CAMPAIGN AGAINST FOREIGN RADIO STATIONS, WHICH HAS INCLUDED SHARP ATTACKS AGAINST VOA, RL AND RFE (REFTELS), EXPANDED FEBRUARY 24 TO INCLUDE HATCHET-JOB ON WEST GERMAN DEUTSCHE WELLE.

2. CRITICISM OF DEUTSCHE WELLE CAME, AS HAVE SEVERAL OF THE EARLIER SHOTS IN THIS SERIES, AS A "COMMENTARY" BY SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS. AUTHOR OF DEUTSCHE WELLE PIECE ("MOUTHPIECE OF THE COLD WAR") IS VLADIMIR GONCHAROV, WHO PENNED INITIAL ATTACK ON VOA FEBURARY 10 (REF D), FROM WHICH POINT WE DATE THIS CURRENT WELL-ORCHESTRATED CAMPAIGN.

3. GONCHAROV REPEATS MOST OF CHARGES USED AGAINST VOA AND OTHER STATIONS, I.E. INTERFERENCE IN SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, VIOLATION OF HELSINKI ACCORDS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IGNORING PROBLEMS IN WEST. ONLY NEW TOUCHES ARE PROTEST AGAINST "SACRILEGIOUS LAMPOONS AGAINST THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION AND ITS LEADERS" AND ASSERTION THAT "NEARLY 400 PERSONS" ASSOCIATED WITH DEUTSCHE WELLE ARE FORMER EMPLOYEES OF JOSEPH GOEBBELS' NAZI INFORMATION MINISTRY.

4. IN WHAT SEEMS TO BE ACOMMON UNDERCURRENT LINKING RECENT

PIECES, GONCHAROV INSINUATES THAT DEUTSCHE WELLE IS  
FINANCED IN PART BY "ULTRA-REACTIONARY FORCES...OUTSIDE" EST  
GERMANY AND THAT STATION SPONSORS "ANTI-SOVIET EMIGRES WHO  
ARE ON THE PAYROLL OF THE CIA." THIS REFERENCE TO THE CIA  
ECHOES TASS CHARGES OF CIA LINKAGE WITH VOA (REFS B AND  
C) AND SIMILAR PRAVDA ASSERTIONS WITH RESPECT TO RL AND  
RFE AND BY IMPLICATION ENTIRE DISSIDENT COMMUNITY.  
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